



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: On March 28, 2024, the quick and decisive actions of several students, teachers, staff members, and first responders saved a teacher's life at St. Charles Preparatory School; and,

WHEREAS: During a routine class, a longtime teacher collapsed without warning. Two students, Cassius Purdy and Jonathan Malouf, immediately rushed for assistance and Mr. Ey and Mr. Wilson arrived quickly to help; and,

WHEREAS: While Mr. Ey and Mr. Wilson started CPR and called 911, Mr. Purdy and Mr. Malouf contacted additional staff members for support. Mrs. Pitones, Mrs. Giles, and Officer Grimes arrived shortly after and thanks to the speedy response of all involved, the application of CPR, and the proper use of the school's AED device, the teacher's pulse was restored and first responders were able to stabilize him for transport to the hospital; and,

WHEREAS: Today, we acknowledge and honor the courage, presence of mind, and effective communication of all involved as they successfully managed an incredibly high pressure situation and by doing so, saved a man's life;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ben Kessler, Mayor of the City of Bexley, Ohio, proudly honor and celebrate Mr. Purdy, Mr. Malouf, Mr. Ey, Mr. Wilson, Mrs. Pitones, Mrs. Giles, Officer Grimes, and the members of the Columbus Fire Department, and do hereby name May 15, 2024 as:

"St. Charles Heart Heroes Day"

in the City of Bexley, Ohio

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Mayor of the City of Bexley, Ohio, to be hereto affixed on this 14th day of May, 2024.

Benjamin J. Kessler, Mayor